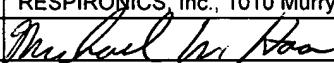


Mail Stop RCE		Application Number	10/623,043
<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>		Filing Date	July 18, 2003
		Inventor(s)	ESTES et al.
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		Group Art Unit	3743
		Examiner	Lewis, A.
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice , Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

<b>1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114</b>	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the Amendment(s)/Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on <u>January 19, 2005</u> (Any unentered Amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</li> </ul>
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply;</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s);</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); and/or</li> <li>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</li> </ul>
<b>2. Miscellaneous</b>	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<b>3. Petition For Extension of Time</b>	
A Petition to Extend the life of the present application to at least to the date hereof:	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> is not necessary.
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> was previously filed on _____.
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is being concurrently filed in this application. (The fee for this petition is itemized below)
<b>4. Fees</b> (Fee Transmittal Form is attached - in duplicate)	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0558. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee of \$790.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)</li> <li>ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee of \$900.00 required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</li> </ul>
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$1,690.00 enclosed, check no. 1274

<b>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT</b>	
Individual and Company	Michael W. Haas, Reg. No. 35,174 RESPIRONICS, Inc., 1010 Murry Ridge Lane, Murrysville PA, 15668
Signature	
Date	March 18, 2005

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